

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A data converting apparatus
comprising:

10 a data converting part converting a set
of input data into a set of image data that can be
processed by an image forming apparatus forming an
image on a medium in accordance with the set of
image data; and

15 a superimposing part superimposing at
least two sets of image data converted from at least
two different sets of input data so as to generate a
single set of superimposed image data,

20 wherein the image forming apparatus forms
an image on the medium based on the single set of
superimposed image data.

25 2. The data converting apparatus as
claimed in claim 1, further comprising a data
sending part sending the single set of superimposed
image data to the image forming apparatus.

30 3. The data converting apparatus as
claimed in claim 1, further comprising a form
storing part selectively storing the set of image
35 data converted from the set of input data as a
predetermined form that is superimposed.

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~~8. The data converting apparatus as~~

claimed in claim 7, wherein said form changing part
changes layout information of the predetermined form
on the medium, which information said form storing
part stores by associating with the predetermined
5 form.

10 9. The data converting apparatus as
claimed in claim 1, further comprising a previewing
part previewing said single set of superimposed
image data generated by said superimposing part.

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20 10. The data converting apparatus as
claimed in claim 3, further comprising a limiting
part limiting use of the predetermined form in
accordance with limitation information that said
form storing part stores by associating with the
predetermined form.

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30 11. A method for converting data
comprising the steps of:
(a) converting a set of input data into a
set of image data that can be processed by an image
forming apparatus forming an image on a medium in
accordance with the set of image data; and
(b) superimposing at least two sets of
35 image data converted from at least two different
sets of input data so as to generate a single set of
superimposed image data,

wherein the image forming apparatus forms an image on the medium based on the single set of superimposed image data.

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12. The method for converting data as claimed in claim 11, further comprising the steps of sending the single set of superimposed image data to the image forming apparatus.

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13. The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said step (b) superimposed at least one set of image data over another set of image data that is converted from the set of input data and stored as a predetermined form.

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14. The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said step (b) selects a desired form from at least one predetermined form and superimposes at least one set of image data over the desired form.

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15. The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said step (b) enables to change the predetermined form.

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16. The method as claimed in claim 13,
wherein said step (b) enables to change layout
5 information that indicates a position where the
predetermined form is formed on a medium and is
stored by associating with the predetermined form.

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17. The method as claimed in claim 11,
further comprising the step of previewing said
single set of superimposed image data generated by
15 said step (b).

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18. The method as claimed in claim 11,
further comprising the step of limiting use of the
predetermined form in accordance with limitation
information that is stored by associating with the
predetermined form.

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19. A computer-readable recording medium
30 recorded with a program for causing a computer to
convert data, said program comprising the steps of:

(a) converting a set of input data into a
set of image data that can be processed by an image
forming apparatus forming an image on a medium in
35 accordance with the set of image data; and

(b) superimposing at least two sets of
image data converted from at least two different

~~sets of input data so as to generate a single set of
superimposed image data,~~

wherein the image forming apparatus forms
an image on the medium based on the single set of
5 superimposed image data.

10 20. The computer-readable recording
medium recorded as claimed in claim 19, further
comprising the steps of sending the single set of
superimposed image data to the image forming
apparatus.

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20 21. The computer-readable recording
medium as claimed in claim 19, wherein said step (b)
superimposed at least one set of image data over
another set of image data that is converted from the
set of input data and stored as a predetermined form.

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30 22. The computer-readable recording
medium as claimed in claim 19, wherein said step (b)
selects a desired form from at least one
predetermined form and superimposes at least one set
of image data over the desired form.

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23. The method as claimed in claim 21,

~~wherein said step (b) enables to change the
predetermined form.~~

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24. The method as claimed in claim 21,
wherein said step (b) enables to change layout
information that indicates a position where the
10 predetermined form is formed on a medium and is
stored by associating with the predetermined form.

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25. The method as claimed in claim 19,
further comprising the step of previewing said
single set of superimposed image data generated by
said step (b).

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26. The method as claimed in claim 19,
25 further comprising the step of limiting use of the
predetermined form in accordance with limitation
information that is stored by associating with the
predetermined form.